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Our Daily Bread

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Senator Byrd's Warning

America, in Debt, No Longer Rich

The United States that went to war in 1917 had a federal debt of one billion dollars. The United States that hangs on the verge of war this day in 1941 owes 52 billions—and most of it for nothing remotely connected with National Defense. Furthermore, the federal debt prior to 1917 went up and down; but the debt of our times has been steadily rising for 12 years. This is a judgment upon good government and the national safety.

Nowhere is the point scored to better advantage than in a statement just released to the press by Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia. Senator Byrd, as chairman of the Senate Committee to Investigate Non-Essential Federal Expenditures, apprises the danger and explains the purpose of his committee as follows:

"It is vital to our future security that non-essential Federal spending be cut to the bone. Our financial security is just as important to our democracy as our defense security. Our government has undertaken financial obligations of the most colossal magnitude. Not only must many billions be spent for our own defense, but many more billions have been authorized for Great Britain and other nations resisting aggression."

Far from the Crimean front in the Donets basin to the north the center of Kursk, on the railway running north from Kharkov through Orel and Tula to Moscow had been captured, the Germans said. Kursk lies 125 miles north of Kharkov.

The Arkansans started falling at Webb's Fall, Okla., late Sunday and officials said it would fall here Monday.

The weather in south Arkansas was clear with high water on the White river still behind the crest on the Arkansas.

The Little Rock weather Bureau flood bulletin Monday said:

"The Arkansas will fall at Fort Smith, will reach 31.5 feet at Ozark, 22 feet at Dardanelle, 29 feet at Moulton, 26.1 at Little Rock and 30 feet at Pine Bluff within the next 7 days."

The Red Cross announced that it was ready to do whatever necessary.

The first reaction to necessary steps came from Morrilton and Plumerville where approximately 100 families from the Conway county bottoms showed up Sunday night. Officials said the two cities already had a housing shortage. First comers were housed in schools, churches, vacant buildings and barns.

Water covered about 2,500 acres near Paris Monday. Dozens were moved out of bottom farms Sunday and nearly 1,400 tourist cars were reported stranded at Dardanelle.

About 200 families evacuated the Carden bottoms and an estimated 35,000 acres of land lay under water. Carden bottom district levees were sandbagged Monday.

The Little Rock news agency, dispatch from Stockholm said the rumble of gunfire in the Baltic led to the realization that the Red fleet in that sea was trying to shoot its way out to the west from Hanko Peninsula, fortress base on the southern coast of Finland which has been under siege since the first day of the conflict.

From today's German announcement one could draw a picture of the Russian situation strikingly similar to the bloody withdrawals at sea ahead of other sweeps, the most dramatic of which was the British withdrawal from Flanders before the fall of France.

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Secretary Hull disclosed the move by the U. S. in reply to press conference question as to whether there was any basis for reports from London that Britain was hesitating to declare war against Finland mainly because of objections raised by the U. S.

Hull said this government had frequently called attention of the Finnish government to American anxiety over the course Finland is pursuing.

In this day when all Americans must sacrifice, it is patriotic for every American citizen to urge that every single non-essential expenditure be eliminated during the period of the emergency and at the same time to cooperate in the fullest measure with every effort on the part of the Congress to bring this about."

The Hope police department said that the garage owner had not reported the loss.

Cotton

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Open High Low Close

December 16.2 16.41 16.12 16.12

January 16.27 16.18 16.16

March 16.47 16.77 16.45 16.46

July 16.62 16.68 16.49 16.46

October 16.95 16.99

December 16.13 16.31 16.06 16.09

January 16.18 16.18 16.18 16.11

March 16.37 16.57 16.28 16.28

May 16.49 16.69 16.37 16.37

July 16.51 16.71 16.40 16.41

October 16.64 16.64 16.52 16.52

Middling Spot 16.99

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Germans Claim Russians Are Routed, Crimea

Situation on All Fronts Look Gloomy for Red Army Defenders

By the Associated Press

Germany proclaimed triumphantly

Monday that the Russian armies of the Crimea split by lightning assaults

by land and air, were trying to flee the Peninsula by the Black sea ports of Sevastopol and Kerch in a "double

Dunkirk."

Adolf Hitler's high command pic- tured the Russian retreat there as

a near rout, declaring that Germans

forces had captured 53,755 prisoners,

230 tanks, 218 cannons, several arm-

ored trains and vast quantities of

war materials.

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GIRLS WANTED FOR CAR HOPS. New Drive In. Apply 3rd and Shover. 31-3tp

Real Estate For Sale
CAFE, GROCERY STORE, AND PEDDLING TRUCK. See C. B. Russell Cafe. 29-3tp

4 ACRE BUILDING SITE, 100 FT. Front on Fulton Street. Paved side walk. All utilities on lot. Will sell at sacrifice. TYLER AND KIRK 28-8tp

FOR QUICK SALE, MY UNINCUMBED upland and river farms, near Idabel, Okla. and DeKalb, Texas. Unrented. Act quickly. L. N. Gray, Idabel, Oklahoma. 31-20tp

Pasteurized Milk

FOR BABBLIN BROOK GRADE A Pasteurized Milk, Cream, Cottage Cheese, see your grocer or Hinton Davis. Phone 333W. 4-1mp

1000 ACRES OF GOOD FARM LAND. Good houses, barns, water and improvements. 120 acre farm 3 miles from Bearden, 20 from Camden, 60 acres cultivation, 60 in timber. Good house, barn.

165 ACRE FARM 6 MILES FROM Bearden, 14 from Camden. 100 acres in cultivation, good spring, less pedza, 30 acre cotton acreage allotted, 2 good houses. Mrs. J. J. Bass, Bearden, Ark. 3-2tp

Wanted

ELDERLY WHITE WOMAN—HOUSE keeper for two near Hope, live in home, small salary. Write Box 98. 22-6tc

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FARM TO LEASE, MUST HAVE pasture and house. DuPre, 217 North Elm St. Phone 254. 30-3tp

For Rent

2 ROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT with bath, 3 miles on Highway 4. See R. P. Fuller. 29-3tp

ROOM FOR 2 MEN, ADJOINING bath. Phone 427-W, for appointment. Mrs. Clyde Hill, 303 N. Pine. 30-3tp

FURNISHED BEDROOM, NEWLY decorated. Meals if desired, private entrance. ½ mile South of City limits. Highway 29. M. H. Moody. 30-3tp

2 TWO ROOM FURNISHED HOUSES, electricity and water.

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ONE ROOM APARTMENT, GAS, water, lights. Doyle Bailey, 2 miles out on Highway 4. Phone 31-J-13. 3-1tp

ONE ROOM FURNISHED FOR light housekeeping. On Old 67 Highway, below Paisley school. Inside city limits. W. T. Neill. 3-1tp

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SOCIETY

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor

Telephone 768

Social Calendar

Monday, November 3rd
The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church at 6 o'clock.

The Wesleyan Guild of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. R. E. Henderson with Mrs. Buford Pue as associate hostess. 7:30.

All circles of the Women's Society for Christian Service will meet at the church at 2:30 o'clock. A program beginning the week of prayer services will begin at 3 o'clock.

Tuesday, November 4th
Tuesday Contract Bridge club, home of Miss Ruth Taylor, 3:30 o'clock.

Troop No. 2 of the Girl Scouts will meet at the home of Mrs. James McLaury with Misses Leona Caldwell and Mary Esther Edmiston as hostesses. 3:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, November 5th
Coffee honoring Miss Mary Haynes, bride-elect, and Mrs. Thomas M. Purvis, autumn bride, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Lewis, 10 to 12 o'clock. Other hostesses will be Mrs. Kline Snyder, Mrs. L. W. Young and Mrs. George Brandon of Jonesboro.

Thursday, November 6th
Hope chapter, 329, Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

Announcements

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will have silent prayer services each afternoon this week at the church from 3:30 to 4 o'clock for home missions. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday Party For Girl Scouts at the "Little House"

Festive Hallowe'en decorations were noted at the Girl Scout "Little House" Saturday evening when the members of Troop No. 5 entertained a number of their friends. Miss Florence Miller, the new leader of the group, served as a chaperone.

"Cokes" and cookies were served during the entertainment to the guests. Enjoying dancing and games were the following Scouts and their guests: Carolyn Joe Gohing and H. C. Kyler, Jr., Betty Jane Allen and C. R. Gordon, Carolyn Hamilton and Johnny Brannan, Pat Williams and Charles Benson, Alice Lorraine Head and Tommy White, Laura Ann Gargin and Billy Ed Basye, Barbara LaGrone and Harold Stephenson, Jesse Clarke Brown and Elsworth Bailey, Betty Ann Benson and Bobby Bowden, Matilda McFadden and Mossy Barrett, Ara Lou Hairston and

Charles Hyatt, Eva Jean Milan and Norman Ed Sandlin, Sophie Williams and Billy Conway, Dorris Urrey and F. B. Ward, Alice Lile and Neil Crow.

Personal Mention

Miss Mary Delia Carrigan motored to the city from Little Rock for a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Carrigan, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William Glover were here from Mulvern for a visit with Mrs. Glover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey McRae, Sr., during the week-end.

Orville Taylor of Chicago is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brannan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Milam and daughter, Eva Jean, were visitors in Texarkana Saturday.

Miss Hattie Anne Feild and Talbot Field motored to Little Rock Saturday to see the Arkansas-Texas A. and M. game.

Mrs. Bruce McElvee is spending the week with relatives in Batesville and Portland.

Mitchell Williams of Washington, D. C., is in the city, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Williams.

P. F. C. William Porfari of Gloversville, New York is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hinds and daughter.

Private Steven Bader of Ft. Sill, Okla., has arrived for a ten-day visit with relatives and friends in the city.

Dunbar, Yerger to Tangle Tuesday

The Yerger Tigers, Hope negro football team, will play the Dunbar High Team of Texarkana, Texas at Texarkana Tuesday afternoon. The game was originally scheduled last week but was postponed due to bad weather.

Our Daily Bread

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As to women's morale being wrecked by lack of rouge to give an artificial bloom to their cheeks—to mere man it seems just the bunk.

The first American women who came over in that famous immigrant ship the "Mayflower," got along without any beauty aids. They were too busy doing their noble share in this country's story. So it has been whenever American women have been called to face an emergency. They have always measured up to whatever was required of them. If the present defense effort causes waveless hair, rougeless cheeks and dyless nails, there is a very strong probability that the women of today will live through the experience.

Nature will come to their aid. The wind will be the artis. It will beat a wholesome blush into women's cheeks and touse their locks into the most enchanting whirls.

And—no bills to pay.

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Revival Starts at Tabernacle

Evangelist Vandermerwe to Conduct Campaign

The full revival at the Hope Gospel Tabernacle got underway Sunday with the Tabernacle well filled at both the morning and evening services.

Evangelist for the campaign, Mrs. Bernice Vandermerwe, spoke on "The Need of Prayer," in the morning service, and "What Will You Do With Jesus?" in the night meeting.

Monday night has been designated "Musical Night." There will be a forty five minute program of special music and singing preceding the sermon. Participating in the musical program will be Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Williamson of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Vandermerwe, Mrs. J. E. Hamel, The Tabernacle Sextet, and other Tabernacle workers. The congregational singing will be directed Monday, as well as every night during the meeting by Mr. Williamson, widely known song leader.

Saying that Jesus Christ was not really on trial before Pontius Pilate, but rather Pilate was on trial as to what he would do with Jesus, Evangelist Vandermerwe, spoke of various Biblical characters present for the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The evangelist pointed out that Christ and His religion is not on trial in the world today, but the world is brought before the judge's bench and asked "What will you do with Jesus?"

Services open each evening promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will continue every night this week, except Saturday.

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Feild to Talk to Kiwanis

Will Address Local Club at Tuesday Meet

Representative Talbot Feild, Jr., will address the Hope Kiwanis Club in their Tuesday noon day luncheon in Hotel Henry's new dining room, the Kiwanis program committee announced Monday. Mr. Feild will speak on "Hope's Part in National Defense."

Kiwanis officials expressed delight at the new arrangement for a meeting place, and said they expect an almost one hundred percent attendance Tuesday.

Two hundred factories in Gloversville, N. Y., are humming to fill Army orders for 13 kinds of gloves.

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MURDER IN PARADISE

By MARGUERITE GAHAGAN
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completely off balance. He told me that. He said he waited until he knew Jeanie had gone to town with you and Ted. Then he went up to the house that night to talk to Liza. He said she accused him of killing both Cord and Miss Millie and he said there wasn't anything left to do then but to get rid of her."

"He must have been crazy by then," I said. "How could he think he could get clear of two murderers?"

"He was mad. I knew that before he—" Maudie pushed the damp hair back from her forehead.

"It was after her murder that I should have talked. But I couldn't figure things out right. I was scared, and it seemed to me the police would surely find something definite. I didn't see how they could be so blind, or so slow—but anyway, it wasn't until they came this morning to take Jeanie that I seemed to come to.

"I went to Gordon. It seemed the thing to do. I meant to tell him what I suspected he had done. And right in the inn in broad daylight I knew he couldn't try anything like that on me. No, I wasn't afraid. I never anticipated what happened."

We knew she hadn't either. Maudie's mind just wouldn't work that way. But Chris Gordon, seeing the end of the road in sight, had taken the only way out that he knew. He'd stepped in his office and forestalled the law by putting a bullet through his head.

"Then," she continued, "some-one came here that night, remember? Gordon said he came because Miss Millie told him she knew he had killed Cord, and that I had evidence. He said he didn't know what I could have—perhaps the I. O. U.'s—but anyway he came, I don't think he intended harming us; anyway he never had a chance with McCool raising such a fuss. And he heard I'd been talking to Liza Holmes."

He had heard that from me, I thought, with a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach.

"I had gone there and it didn't take me long to discover that she, too, was suspecting Chris Gordon. She remembered the old love affair between him and Miss Millie. She said she had gone to the inn trying to see him.

"I didn't have much chance, though," she told me. "I only had a chance to say that I wanted to talk with him, and then some people came in and so I left."

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The Call America Heeds



High Court Upholds Garland Decision

LITTLE ROCK (AP)—The Supreme Court upheld constitutionality of the 1941 act authorizing the formation of a suburban improvement district adjacent to cities of more than 5,000 population.

Affirming a Garland Chancery court decision the high tribunal overruled a contention of W. D. Murphy, Garland county that the act was invalid because of local legislation, vague and contradictory.

Columbus Boy

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and become better citizens by reading the best literature available.

Each 4-H club present contributed to the program. A musical number kitchen band with Mildred Manning was given by four girls from Bingen. From McCaskill club came a soloist. From Columbus Laura Lee Smith, Gladys Smith and Emma Jean Smith sang "Don't Forget the Flag." From Patmos came eight couples to

Young Tod Palmer was driving and Jeanie was with him.

"We're going to town," Tod said, "unless there's something we can do for you."

Denny said there wasn't, and Tod leaned over and kissed Jeanie on the cheek. "We're going to be married. We aren't going to wait for anything else to stop us."

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"THE kid's got something there," Denny said. "If they wait there'll always be something else to stop them."

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J. W. Harrell, Ex Hope Man, Dies

Publisher of Atlanta (Texas) Paper Succumbs

ATLANTA, Texas — J. W. Harrell, 60, died in Ellington Memorial hospital here at 6 p. m. Saturday after a short illness.

Mr. Harrell was born in Hope, Ark., but moved to Cass county at an early age. He became owner and publisher of the Citizen Journal in Atlanta. He retained this position until his death.

He was president of the Atlanta Federal Savings and Loan Association, a member of the Rotary Club, member of the First Baptist church of Atlanta, and took part in all civic affairs.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the First Baptist church of Atlanta, with the Rev. J. P. Olive of Linden Stripling, pastor of the First Methodist church of Atlanta.

He is survived by his wife, D. P. Harrell; one daughter, Mrs. Edward Rutherford of Memphis; and one granddaughter.

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Spain Leads Fascist Plan

Head Pro-Axis Latin Americans Against Pan-American Solidarity

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Service Military Writer
NEW YORK — A new campaign of Axis propaganda, espionage and potential sabotage is being launched against this country. Its plan is to slip a knife into vulnerable defense spots from behind a cloak that suits Latin-American taste better than do brown and black shirts—the scarlet and gold of Spanish Fascism.

This original Fifth Column—from Spain, where the term was coined—is now to become the sharp point of Axis secret warfare against American interests in the Western Hemisphere. It is to slash through the solidarity defenses we are erecting and let in totalitarian ideas that, if presented openly as Nazi-Fascist, would meet resistance.

Invasion by Falangists
Word reaches here that this has been planned in Madrid, at a conference just completed, by representatives from many Latin American countries vital to our security, including Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Panama. Filipinos were there, too.

The delegates brought political and military information to Franco's Segurid, already under the *estados* thumb. Also they decided that in Hitler's "New Order" Spain is to be the middleman for trade between Europe and Latin America, and that the Falangists (Spain's Fascists) are to prepare the way by becoming "the strongest enemy of the United States in Latin America." Now they are en route back, fares paid by the Axis.

On arrival, they will become unpleasantly busy in operations for which Spain and Portugal are to be increasingly important springboards. They will improve the spy and propaganda courier service via ships flying various flags. They will intensify efforts, already reported by our authorities as dangerous, to recruit to their anti-American ranks Spaniards near our defense outposts, working on chosen groups behind closed doors, stressing at first cultural ties with the old country.

They will add to the 8000 agents they are known to have sent to Latin America to work for restoration of the Spanish influence as against Pan-Americanism. They don't admit it openly, but that means that Spain should get back her former empire in the western hemisphere, which included not only Puerto Rico and Cuba etc., but Texas and California.

Nobles and Authors Are Propagandists

A falange mission arrives in New York, November 4, en route to Peru. It includes several Spanish nobles and the author of a book "proving" Spain should regain all her former empire. The left-wing United Spanish Aid Commission is protesting this to the State Department.

Falange propaganda is bearing down on the charge that President Roosevelt is snuggling up to "Godless Russia." Efforts are being made to enlist church authorities in this effort. Other propaganda stories to be spread among Spanish business leaders include that the world.

In business: "The Americans do the most, not for those who foolishly play ball with them, but for those they have to buy. Put your price high. They don't dare make you pay up on loans, and anyway, the Axis will soon rule the world."

In politics: "Don't let the Gringos build their Pan-American Highways or defense bases; those are tricks to help their new army invade and conquer you. Already they are plotting with Spanish Republicans to invade the Canary Islands and other Spanish possessions."

Such stories and advice are harmful when spread by influential Spaniards. In Panama, Falange leaders include proprietors of big stores and agents of widely advertised articles, whose money comes from this country. In the Philippine schools contributions have been collected and scholarships offered. In Puerto Rico, Falange sympathizers are said to include university instructors and at least one government official, and to be encouraging the movement for independence from the United States.

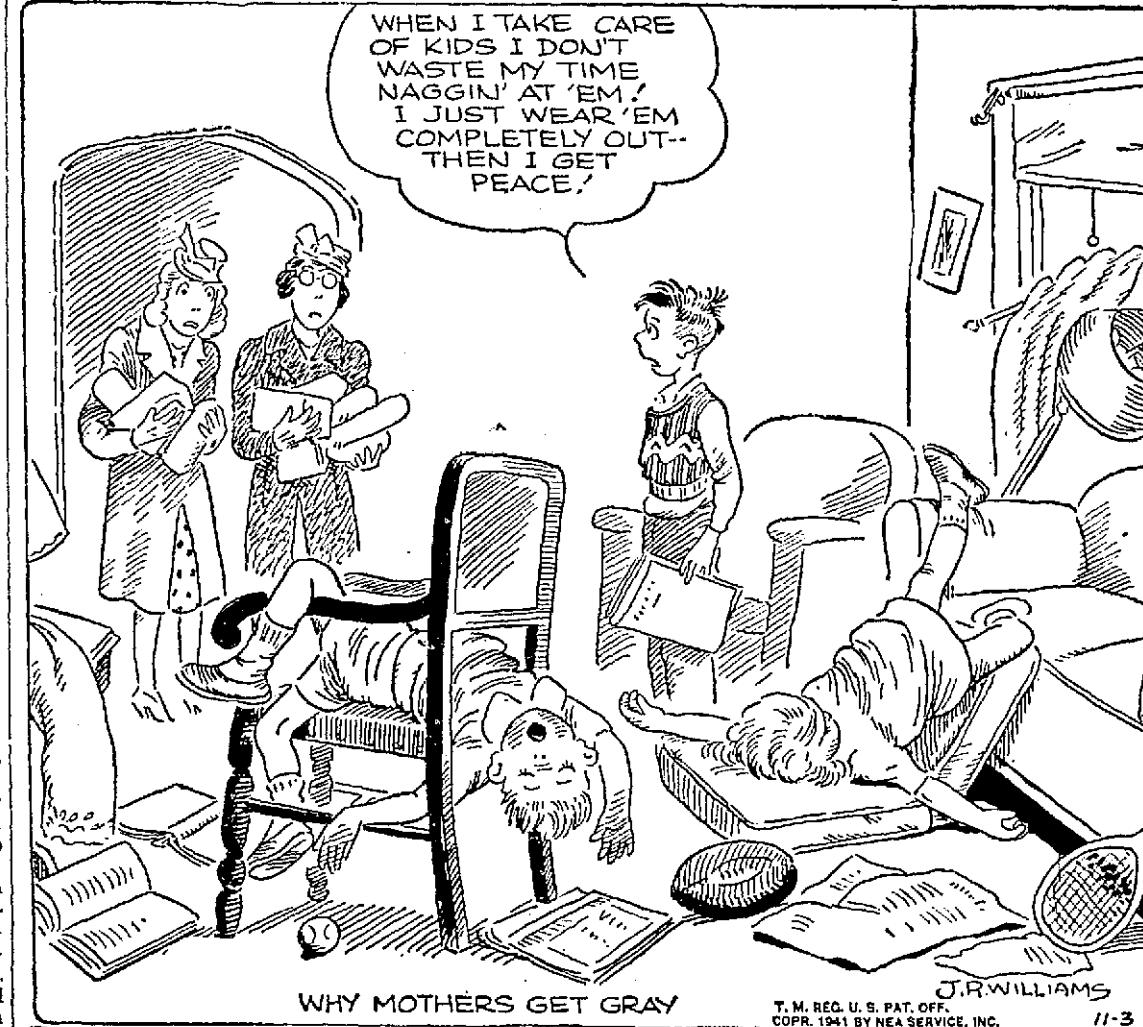
The Falange aims especially at the West Indies, as a weak spot of democracy, with economic and social unrest in Puerto Rico and British islands like Trinidad. Cuba is the connecting link with Spain, and with

This Earth Will Be More Than Scorched



Spectacular German war photo shows German troops entering a Russian village left in flames by defenders as part of now famous scorched earth policy of retreat. Germans attempt to halt spread of flames.

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Edson in Washington

Relief Plans for Little Business Paraded

WASHINGTON — Five important suggestions to relieve the difficulties of small business firms and help spread defense production are being considered by the Defense Contract Service of OPM, now under the directorship of the phenomenal Floyd B. Odum. These recommendations, written in pencil on scrap paper by Director Odum himself, have just been smacked out and put in the record of Missouri Senator Harry S. Truman's special committee investigating national defense. While the program may not be adopted in its entirety, this does serve to show how Odum is think-

ing about his job.

The suggestions came to the Truman committee in rather unusual fashion. Odum, recalled to make a second appearance before the Truman committee, gave an hour's testimony on the issue when Truman asked for solutions, saying it was high time a little common sense was used in tackling this situation.

Odum lugged his memorandum with his papers in a thick, battered leather case overflowing into a bundle of papers wrapped in butcher's paper and tied with string. The suggestions had not been typed but were merely roughed out for Odum's associates to pick to pieces. Whether the program could be carried out under government procedure was something Odum had not yet satisfied himself upon, but when Senator Truman offered to take responsibility for their presentation, Odum proceeded to read from his penciled yellow sheets.

Two Per Cent Would Keep 10 Per Cent

In summary, Odum's ideas for the relief of small business boil down like this:

1. Until June 30, 1942, set aside in a separate category firms employing fewer than 20 people. These little companies are the backbone of American industry, says Odum, and while it is difficult to convert them to defense production, these 130,000 little businesses employ 10 per cent of the workers. And to keep them going for the next eight months would take only 26 per cent of the available raw materials supply.

2. Plants that are catalogued by Army and Navy as known or potential producers of defense materials should be left to the supervision of the armed services. These plants would be the bigger companies, the prime contractors or the more important sub-contractors. When proposals to expand any of these plants are made, approval should be given only when it is known there are no other idle plants available to do the job.

3. Creation of the foregoing two divisions would leave to the Defense Contract Service the intermediate field of 30,000 or more plants for whom there should be allocated an emergency pool of raw materials to keep these plants alive until they can be converted to defense production. Odum believes that the supply of raw materials needed to keep these plants alive would not be great, but six months will be required to make the shift from civilian to defense production.

4. Provide for expansion or con-

The New Tax on Automobiles

Congress Has Treasury in Dither Over Measure

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON—Congress has the Treasury department across a barrel and all because of a little \$150,000,000 item which isn't a drop in a ten-gallon keg when you come to considering the overall billions needed to run the government and finance national defense.

When the latest tax bill came out of congress, one thing in it not recommended by the treasury was the \$5 motor vehicle use tax. Even now that it has become law, you can't get any on-the-record discussion of it at the Treasury department.

Certain regulations concerning the tax were laid down in the law: the use of windshield stickers as certificates of payment; the jail sentence and fine provided for tax dodgers; and principally the fact that the tax should become effective February 1, with a prorated payment until the beginning of the tax year July 1.

This little joker means that the Treasury department's collectors of internal revenue will take the field February 1 to collect \$209 from each of the 32,000,000 private and commercial automobile owners in the country—one of the neatest little problems in tax collection that the treasury ever has been faced with. If a person buys a new car or a second-hand one on which the use-tax has not been paid around the first of March, he will pay 42 cents less; and so on, until purchasers of unlaxed cars on June 1 will pay just 42 cents. On July 1, the collectors will have to start all over again with the 32,000,000 and pick up \$5 from each.

In this problem, there are several unknowns: No. 1 is how to find out who the automobile owners in the country are. About the only places such lists are available are in the state highway departments. In most states, it may be assumed that the state highway departments will be very cooperative and furnish the collector with the ownership lists. But suppose there are some states opposed to the tax or for some other reason have no inclination to cooperate. That could easily develop into an insurmountable hurdle—insurmountable in so far as any solution to it has been suggested yet.

Unknown No. 2 (and for my money it makes the first hurdle look like a puddle jump) is what enforcement or policing agency can the Treasury department employ to check up on five or ten or 15 million motorists who might refuse to comply? What head could the handful of Secret Service agents and Treasury department investigators make against millions of potential violators? Could city, county or state enforcement agencies (nearly always short on funds to do even the ordinary work assigned to them) be expected to help out?

Unknown No. 3—and it's not so much an unknown as a question—is can the government accord to turn the already overburdened federal courts into something similar to traffic courts for the simple purpose of collecting a \$5 tax? If you want the answer to that, ask your local United States district judge.

There have been no official announcements so far as to the methods of collecting the tax. Under consideration is the plan of obtaining the state ownership lists and billing each owner. Since the absolute minimum of letters required by the government under such a system would be two (the bill and the mailing out of the sticker) and since it probably would take twice that to get in all the willing tax payers (or more than 120,000,000 letters), the size of the clerical force to be employed upon this alone becomes apparent—and staggering.

The ideal thing of course would be to have state highway departments, for a fee, collect the tax when license plates are issued, but there is no provision in the law for payment of such fees and besides, Congress can't force states to be federal collection

agencies and if it tried, there would be a squawk heard all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court.

See the Invincibles?



(NEA Radiophoto)

Official German picture radioed from Berlin shows German soldiers holding up in the face of Russian counter-attacks. Picture of scared looking youths hardly bears out legends of Nazi Invincibility.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Adamic Urges an Odd A. E. F.; 'Must' Reading

It was in November of 1941 that Uncle Sam and John Bull met over brandy aboard the Potomac in a fog off Iceland. "Your luck is that island of yours, and the channel," Sam was saying, "while I've got oceans on two sides of me."

"Anyway . . . we just got to get to work and fix up this world; no tags, no labels . . . we Americans, we ex-Europeans, return to the Old World as its children . . . set up an European Nation of Nations with the principles and practices of freedom and democracy. We want the American Revolution extended to Europe, and no maybe about it."

"We'll take over an army mostly made up of American-born sons of immigrants." Sam went on, and in the plainest kind of Main Street language he told John that he couldn't have Europe and neither could Mayenne nor Russia nor the governments in exile, because plain Joab Schmidt and Ivan Kovach and the rest wanted freedom, would accept it only from their American cousins, whom they trusted.

This is wilderness-wailing Louis Adamic's plan for saving Europe and solving America's muddling-potted puzzles. In "Two-Way Passage" (Harper: \$2.50) he charts its development as analytically as if he were dealing in the most detailed dialectics: "The Passage Here, its creation of 'Plymouth Rock and Ellis Island' problems that have kept Croats and Cretans, Jews and Germans, African and Anglo-Saxons, from burying their old world complexes in a common cause; the Passage Back, in which all this inter-alienation is ashed in the crusading fire that returns to Europe in the form of temporary American Provisional Governments.

Adamic is a man of ideas, of reason, of will. If his writing in this spur-of-the-moment book seems charged at times with emotionalism and over-imaginativeness, chalk up the one to enthusiasm, the other to a desperately needed *V* for Vision in any plan to quell the sound and the thunder.

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